

Christ Lutheran Community Church
July 18, 2021
8th Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION TO THE THEMES OF THE DAY

Mark's gospel makes clear how great was the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves.

Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

THE GATHERING

Gather in prayer and prepare to receive God's Word.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
full of compassion and mercy,
abounding in steadfast love.

Amen.

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

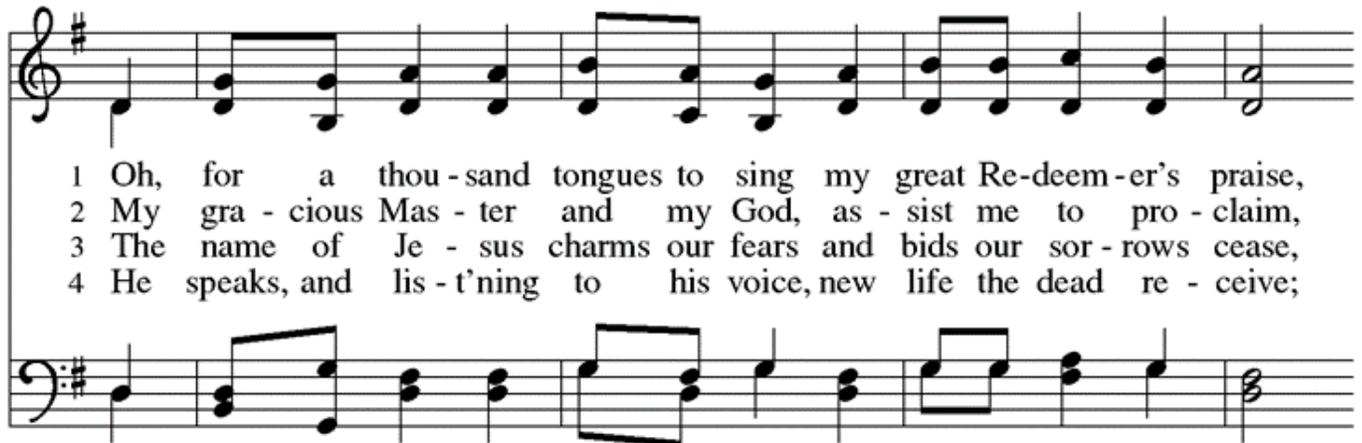
Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Eternal God our creator,
in you we live and move and have our being.
Look upon us, your children,
the work of your hands.
Forgive us all our offenses,
and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.
By your grace draw us near to you,
our refuge and our strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

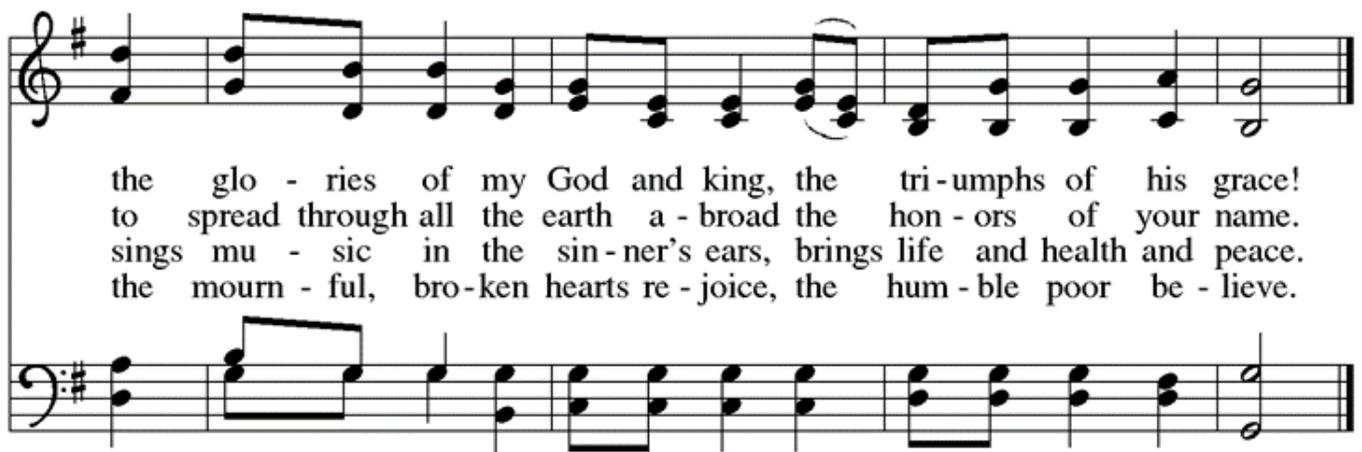
Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit given to us.
In the mercy of almighty God,
Christ died for us while we still were sinners;
and for his sake, God † forgives you all your sins.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,
4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE WORD

We read scriptures together to hear God speaking to our community today. Two or more scriptures are read because no single word can embody the fullness of truth contained within God's Word.

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 bce. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the "flock" of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David's line to save Israel and Judah.

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

PSALM 23

SHEPHERD ME, O GOD

Psalm 23

Marty Haugen

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in-to life.

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of the melody, and the second staff contains the second line. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

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SECOND LESSON:

Ephesians 2:11-22

The author of this letter is reminding his audience that originally they were not part of God's chosen people. Through Jesus' death, however, they are included in God's household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

GOSPEL

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Please Stand.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical notation is written on two staves in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of the melody, and the second staff contains the second line. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

When Jesus sent his disciples out to teach and heal, they ministered

among large numbers of people. Their work was motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please include in your prayers throughout the week these members and friends of our congregation: Pat, Louise, Barbara, Nettie, Richard, Eveline, Bill, Carrie, Darryl, Mary Ellen, Rene, Tony, Joan, Penny, Kathryn, Victor, Jacob and Willa, Theo, Claude, Richard, Doreen, Ron, Samuel, Andrea, and Henry.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

All who wish to support the ministries of the church here in Upper Darby and around the world are invited to place their offering in the basket at the back of the church as they leave. Those who gather online are invited to make contributions by mail or internet. We pray in thanksgiving for all God enables us to do.

THE MEAL

Sharing the Lord's Supper is how we celebrate the presence of the risen Christ among us. Christ shared this meal with his disciples before laying down his life for them. After Christ's resurrection, his disciples have continued to break bread and share the cup as a way of receiving Christ and participating in his Body.

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might! Heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

After the pastor has recounted God's saving acts, all are invited to pray as Jesus taught us.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

All who desire to commune with Christ through the sharing of this meal are invited to come forward and receive the blessed bread and the wine. When receiving Communion, extend your hand, palm up, to receive the wafer of bread; to receive the wine (through intinction) dip the wafer into the chalice. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of the Lord's Supper, approach the altar with your arms crossed over your chest.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE SENDING

Having been fed by the life-giving Word of God, we are sent into the world to be the hands and feet of Christ, continuing his ministry of healing, forgiveness, liberation, and reconciliation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff contains the vocal melody with lyrics. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in three lines, corresponding to the three verses. The word 'oh,' appears twice at the end of the system, once under each staff.

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in three lines. The word 'oh,' appears at the end of the system under the bass staff.

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

oh,

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in three lines. The word 'oh,' appears at the end of the system under the bass staff.

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

The fourth system concludes the piece with a final melodic phrase and accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in three lines. The system ends with a double bar line.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share God's love for all the world.
Thanks be to God.

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